IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16 through 20 without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter by this amendment, amend claim 1 and newly add claim 23 by this amendment as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A plasma display panel, comprising:

upper and lower substrates that are installed to be spaced apart from each other by a predetermined distance and that contain therebetween a plurality of barrier ribs and discharge spaces that are disposed between adjacent the barrier ribs in a display portion of the plasma display panel;

a plurality of sets of dummy ribs disposed on one of the upper and the lower substrates and being disposed outside the display portion of the plasma display panel, wherein at least one rib in each set of dummy ribs being a reinforcing rib, said reinforcing rib being different in design [[than]] from non-reinforcing dummy ribs and having a continuous shape; and

a sealant sealing together the upper and lower substrates.

2. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing rib is formed of connected closed ring holders, each closed ring holder having a cross-section of a predetermined shape.

3. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 2, wherein the closed ring holders have a polygonal cross-section.

4. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 2, wherein the closed ring holders have a circular cross-section.

5. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 1, each set of dummy ribs having three ribs, all in parallel to each other.

6. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 1, wherein each set of dummy ribs having two reinforcing ribs, one of which is positioned closest to the display region and the other is positioned farthest from the display region.

7. (Original) The display of claim 1, said display comprising four sets of dummy ribs, one set on each side of said display region.

8. (Previously Presented) The plasma display panel of claim 1, wherein the dummy rib sets further comprise a connecting rib adapted to connect neighboring dummy ribs within a set to each other.

9. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing rib has a zig zag with multiple bending portions.

10. (Original) A plasma display panel, comprising:

upper and lower substrates which are installed to be spaced apart from each other by a predetermined distance and which contain therebetween a plurality of barrier ribs and discharge spaces that are disposed between the barrier ribs in a display portion of the plasma display panel, the display portion being a portion of the plasma display panel where images are ordinarily formed, said upper substrate having a first plurality of electrodes that are orthogonal to a second plurality of electrodes in the lower substrate; and

a plurality of sets of dummy ribs disposed on one of the upper and the lower substrates and being disposed outside the display portion of the plasma display panel, wherein one rib in each set of dummy ribs being a reinforcing rib, said reinforcing rib being a series of sections of a hollow, closed structure.

11. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 10, said closed structure of said reinforcing rib being a polygon.

12. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 10, said plasma display panel and said display region being concentric rectangles, said plasma display panel having four sets of dummy ribs, each set being on separate sides of the display region.

13. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 10, ribs within each set of dummy ribs that are not reinforcing ribs being straight, rectangular strips.

14. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 10, each rib within each set of dummy ribs being parallel to each other.

15. (Original) The plasma display panel of claim 10, wherein ribs within each set of dummy ribs being connected by connecting portions.

Claims 16 - 20 (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The plasma display panel of claim 1, the reinforcing rib being adapted to withstand sandblasting.

22. (Previously Presented) The plasma display panel of claim 1, the reinforcing rib being adapted to better withstand sandblasting than the non-reinforcing dummy ribs.

23. (New) The plasma display panel of claim 1, the reinforcing rib having a shape and design that is substantially better able to withstand sandblasting than the non-reinforcing dummy ribs.